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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

In the Specification:

N, B. Page 1, change "This application is a continuation of my prior copending application S.N. 08/775,880, which application is" to --This application is a continuation of my prior copending application S.N. 09/303,636, which is a continuation of S.N. 08/775,880, now patent 5,905,975, which was--.

In the Claims:

N, C. Please cancel claims 21-52 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

Rulc 21-53 A computer implemented auction system for television licenses or associated derivative rights comprising: